Category #1

The Guidelines should add other product categories, such as paper products and hard surface restoration products to the list of OGS Approved Products.

[2 comments received]

State Response:

NYS remains committed to encouraging the use of environmentally sensitive products. The work team will investigate the issue of adding janitorial paper products (toilet paper and paper towels) to the Guidelines and list of approved cleaning products. Currently, Executive Order 4 specifically requires that all copy paper, janitorial paper and other paper supplies purchased by each State agency or authority shall be composed of 100% post-consumer recycled content to the maximum extent practicable, and all copy and janitorial paper shall be process chlorine-free to the extent practicable, unless such products do not meet required form, function or utility, or the cost of the product is not competitive.

Hard Surface Restoration products fall outside the scope of Environmentally Sensitive Cleaning Products as defined under section 409-I of the Education Law.

Public Comment:

Comment #1:

Lead the industry forward by expanding product categories, to now include paper towels, toilet tissue and floor finish, all of which have become more affordable, available and serviceable. We also urge that emerging trends be examined for inclusion, such as stripping pads that perform without caustic stripper and terrazzo polishing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comment #2:

In response to the request for comments on the Draft Guidelines And Specifications For The Procurement And Use Of Environmentally Sensitive Cleaning And Maintenance Products... Boylan Marble & Terrazzo Restoration Ltd. respectfully requests consideration of a chemical-free, diamond abrasive Hard Surface restoration as a viable alternative to the OGS Floor Finish, and Floor Finish Stripper requirements. The following presentation packet outlines a Hard Surface restoration process that allows for a cleaning and maintenance program that exceeds the required standards established in the guidelines and specifications for Floor Finish and Floor Finish Stripper. The OGS certification forms (Appendix III) are not submitted with this request because the questions asked on the form are not applicable to the restoration process presented here. The last 7 pages of the presentation packet show projects that have had the restoration process performed.

Sincerely, Jacob Cohn, Marketing Environmental Manager Boylan Marble and Terrazzo Restoration, Ltd.